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SUBJECT: UPDATED SENEGALESE ATTENDANCE AT THE AGOA FORUM

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[1](#)1. On July 11, Senegal's Senior Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, told the Ambassador that he will now lead Senegal's official delegation to the AGOA Forum. Gadio would welcome a bilateral meeting with Secretary Rice. We do not expect recently appointed Minister of Commerce Amadou Habibou Ndiaye or other Senegalese ministers to attend this year's Forum, but that could still change in the coming week. The MOC's Director of External Trade, Cheikh Saadbou Seck, is already in Accra and can help coordinate meetings with GOS officials.

[1](#)2. In addition to Seck, we still expect the other GOS official noted in Ref A to attend: Ms. Maimouna Savane, Director General of the Senegalese Agency for Export Promotion (ASEPEX); Mr. Omar Samb, Director General of Agency for the Promotion and Development of Handicraft(APDA); and Mr. Moctar Diakhate, Director of Artisanry.

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